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Richard L. Monfort
Vice Chairman

June 4, 2002

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Mr. Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a businessman and co-owner of Colorado's major league baseball team, The Colorado Rockies, I see the impact of telecommunications on our State and my businesses on a day-to-day basis.

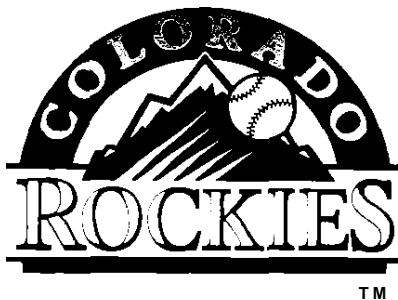
The ability to succeed in this new century is increasingly tied to the ability to communicate and to access new technologies. The price of telecommunication is also a growing factor for both large and small businesses. Lowering the cost of telecommunications, providing new choices and services, rolling out new technologies are important goals for Colorado to succeed in the new global economy.

The best way to insure that telecommunications costs are lowered, that choices and services improve and that new technologies enter the marketplace in a timely fashion is through competition. It is for this reason that I support the opening of Colorado's telecommunications markets to more competition from our local service provider, Qwest. It is my understanding that you are reviewing that application, and I urge you to approve it for the long term good of Colorado consumers and businesses.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Monfort
Vice Chairman

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Jerry D. McMorris
Chairman

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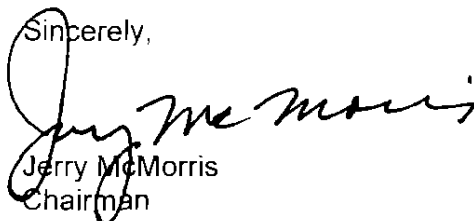
Dear Chairman Powell:

As a longtime businessman and co-owner of our state's major league baseball team, The Colorado Rockies, I know the growing importance of telecommunications in making my businesses successful.

On a day-to-day basis, our managers and players need access to high quality, lower-priced telecommunications services. We are also finding that our customers and our fans increasingly use a wide variety of new technologies to interact with the team. It is for these reasons that I support efforts to open up our market to more competition in telecommunications.

Qwest Corporation's application to re-enter Colorado's long distance market is pending before the Commission. I urge your speedy approval of this request.

Sincerely,



Jerry McMorris
Chairman

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May 15, 2002

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Powell:

As the former Chairman of the Colorado Economic Development Commission and Mayor of Northglenn, I know the increasing importance that telecommunications play in the success of individual businesses and communities. In my own real estate business, I see the impact of telecommunications on a day to day basis, both in terms of my costs as well as my ability to connect with my customers in a timely manner.

Connectivity, competition, choice and service are going to be driven by opening Colorado's markets to all providers. It is for this reason that I **support** the efforts of Qwest Corporation to re-enter our State's long distance market. I urge the F.C.C. to approve this re-entry application as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Odell C. Barry', written over a horizontal line.

Odell C. Barry, President
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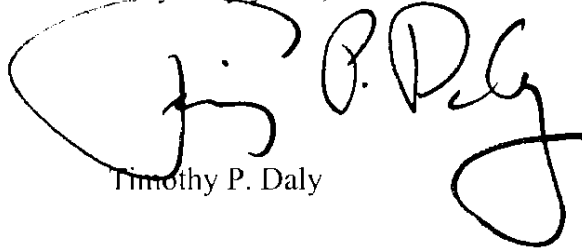
Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As you know, Qwest Communication is applying to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado. I am writing in support of Qwest's application.

As an attorney with a background in both public policy and telecommunications, I believe that allowing Qwest to provide long distance service will have a strong step toward opening Colorado's telecommunications markets and giving Coloradans more choices for the telecommunication services they need. Customer choice and competition were the promises of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, and granting Qwest's application will help live up to that promise. For these reasons, I respectfully request the Commission to act promptly to approve Qwest's application.

Very truly yours,



Timothy P. Daly

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The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Ms. Salas,

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

I am writing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

I believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

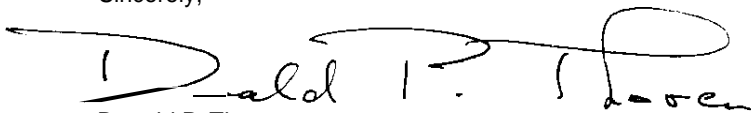
Having retired from the communications business, I fully understand how important state-of-the-art communications is. Living in a rural area of the state, I recognize how much we lack. Any carrier could have come into our area but has not. Our location is such that we are located on a LATA boarder with a strong community of interest across that boarder. We have been successful in being able to have an "extended calling area" across that boarder and obtaining a waiver from the FCC but the waiver is for voice only. We feel that the approval of this filing would open the availability of data communications as well in an economic way.

We are aware that the Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for the past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. We also understand that extensive testing by an impartial party was performed to verify that Qwest's network is fair and open to all long distance service providers.

Therefore, we urge the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application in Colorado and approve the company's re-entry in the long distance business so that the positive benefits of full competition can soon be realized by all the citizens in the state.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at 719-486-8363.

Sincerely,



Donald P. Thoren
Vice-president and Managing Director



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March 1, 2002

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
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I understand that consumers in some other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition, including New York, Texas, Massachusetts, Oklahoma and Kansas, are experiencing the benefits and lower prices from the entry of the state's local phone company. I am anxious for Colorado consumers to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest is allowed to compete for long distance services.

I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for the past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. I also understand that extensive testing by an impartial party was performed to verify that Qwest's network is fair and open to all long distance service providers.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at 719-486-3800.

Sincerely,

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Jack Saunders



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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

February 24, 2002

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of Centennial Real Estate, I am writing to you to express **full support for Qwest's application to** re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide **our** members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

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As a business serving the community of Leadville **for over 25 years**, we believe increased long distance competition will **also** generate increased investment **in** Colorado and **further** enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our **local** ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing **businesses** and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic **success** of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

We understand that consumers in some other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition, including New York, Texas, Massachusetts, Oklahoma and Kansas, are experiencing the benefits and lower prices **from** the entry of state's local phone company. We are anxious for Colorado consumers to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest **is** allowed to compete for long distance services.

We are aware that the Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently **for the** past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. We also understand that extensive testing by an impartial party was performed to verify that Qwest's network **is** fair and open to all long distance service providers.

Therefore, we urge the Federal Communications Commission to **act** quickly **on** Qwest's application **in** Colorado and approve the company's re-entry in the long distance business **so** that the positive **benefits** of full competition **can soon** be realized by all the citizens in the state.

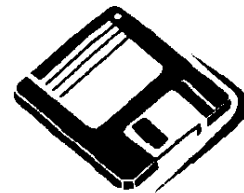
Thank you **for** your **careful** consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at (719) 486-1409.

Sincerely,


John J. Cirullo
Owner/Broker

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The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. - Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

February 20, 2002

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Dear Ms. Salas

I am writing to you to express support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. I believe increased competition will provide our community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services. In particular, this would improve the chance of data from Salida to Denver (LATA) being deregulated.

As a community leader and small business owner, I believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

Consumers in some other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition, including New York, Texas, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma, are *experiencing* the *benefits* and lower prices from the entry of state's local phone company. We are anxious for Colorado consumers to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest is allowed to compete for long distance services.

The Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for the past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. The *extensive* testing by an impartial party was performed to verify that Qwest's network is fair and open to all long distance service providers.

Therefore, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application in Colorado and approve the company's re-entry in the long distance business so that the positive *benefits* of full competition can soon be realized by all the citizens in the state.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at 719-395-3392.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Kimmel, Jr.
President, South Park Solutions, Inc

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March 17, 2002

3137 N Cheyenne
Tacoma, WA 98407

Mr. John Engber
State Director
U.S. Sen. Patty Murray
2988 Jackson Federal Building
Seattle, WA 98174

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Dear Mr. Engber:

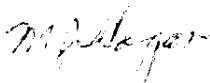
I would like to express my support for competitive long distance service in our community. I believe that consumers should have a variety of long distance provider alternatives and competitive prices to choose from.

It is time to let Qwest into the Washington long distance market so customers can benefit from competition. New York and Pennsylvania as well as other at least eight other states are realizing the benefits that come from more competition. Our state should be the next.

But we're stuck with delays and obstacles and excuses and roadblocks. Meanwhile, we continue to fall farther and farther behind those other states.

Let's make this happen!

Sincerely,



M J Hogan

March 20, 2002

Representative Jeff Moms
Washington State Legislature
414 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

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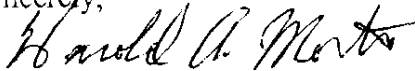
Dear Representative Morris:

The opening of Washington's telecommunications markets will provide consumers the choice of the best possible long distance carrier for their companies.

I have seen the studies from other states that show the rates that have dropped and the money that the consumers are saving. Now I am wondering why our state is not yet benefiting from Qwest's entry into the long distance market? All we seem to have are delays – and no action. This process has gone on too long already.

I encourage you to join me in supporting Qwest's request to enter the Washington long distance market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold A. Morton".

Harold Morton
914 Marion St
Centralia, WA 98531

March 20, 2002

Representative Richard De'dolt
Washington State Legislature
424 JLOB
Olympia, WA 98504

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Dear Honorable Representative De'dolt:

I would like to express my support for competitive long distance service in o x community. I believe that consumers should have a variety of long distance provider alternatives and competitive prices to choose from.

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Let's make this happen!

Sincerely,



Joseph Wilder
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March 17, 2002
Marianne Barnes
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Mr. David Danner
Executive Policy Office
P.O. Box 43113
Olympia, **WA** 98504-3113

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Dear Mr. Danner:

Realizing that our nation is currently in a stressed economic state, it's hard to comprehend why consumers **like** me don't have a real choice – and the chance to save real money -- on long distance.

Efforts to open the long distance market to more competitors, have been approved in numerous states. Since Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long distance market have not yet been approved, I can't help but wonder why we are falling behind?

Once the telecommunication market feels the pressure of healthy competition, prices are bound to decrease and choices will be better suited for the consumers of Washington. Other states are benefiting from an open market, why isn't Washington?

Sincerely,



Marianne Barnes

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March 17, 2002

Mr. John Engber
State Director
U.S. Sen. Patty Murray
2988 Jackson Federal Building
Seattle, WA 98174

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Dear Mr. Engber,


It seems that service always improves and prices go down when customers are given more choices. So, why don't we have more competition in Washington for our long-distance phone service?

If our local phone service provider was allowed to offer long distance service too, I think it would benefit everyone involved. I've read that in states where the local providers were allowed to enter the long distance market, the long distance bills dropped by at least 10percent, and local service became cheaper, too.

For the past five years, I've watched my long distance bill get more expensive and more complicated than ever. It does no good to switch between the national service providers, because they all raise their prices at the same time, and they add on all kinds of extra fees and charges because they know consumers don't have another choice.

It's about time for another option in long distance service here in Washington

Sincerely,


Ted Leavitt
Box 584
Easton, WA 98825

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Mr. Brad Owen
Lieutenant Governor
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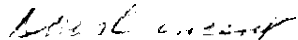
Dear Mr. Owen:

As an individual who uses long distance service extensively, it is important to me that I have a broad choice in the long distance carriers. I think that by opening up the long distance market *for* Qwest it gives consumers the opportunity to have the best service out there.

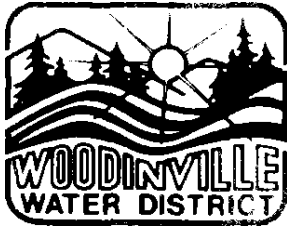
But it appears as if we'll have to wait even longer now for that day. We've been told it's coming, but the process seems to go on and on and on.

In states like New York, Pennsylvania and Texas, consumers are reaping the benefits of lower long distance rates as well as more choice. Hopefully sooner rather than later consumers in our state can benefit these rewards as well.

Sincerely,



Doris Vincent
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Matlock, WA 98560



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February 20, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I understand that your office has the responsibility regarding whether Qwest will have the opportunity to enter into the long distance market in Washington State.

Telecommunications is a vital element of our economy and our community. It is growing in importance with every aspect of our lives, from education and commerce to yes, even water as we seek more efficient ways to serve our users.

Increased competition for telecommunications will improve both quality and quantity of telecommunications choices for our community and result in more competitive prices.

Qwest is seeking to gain "271 Relief." I am confident that allowing Qwest to re-enter the long distance market will have direct and beneficial results to consumers.

I urge you to review their application and find favorably in their request for 271 Relief

Sincerely,

Walter Backstrom
Water Commissioner
Woodinville Water District



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March 20, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell.

It is my understanding your office has the responsibility for review of Qwest's Section 271 petition.

As a consumer I would like to express my support for the Qwest entry into the inter-lata, inter-state long distance markets.

It is my belief that increased competition for telecommunications services will improve both the quantity and quality of telecommunication choices for our community, encourage development of advanced telecommunications service, and result in more competitive prices.

I support Qwest's entry into the long distance markets **so** that they may compete **with** all other long distance carriers to provide all calls.

Sincerely,

Tim Matson
Water Commissioner
Woodinville

Todd Woosley
Hal Woosley Enterprises
Bellevue, Washington
(425) 455-5730

April 11, 2002

Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell.

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

The State of Washington needs relief from Section 271 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Under the current system, consumers receive multiple billing statements for services that should be consolidated. It is not now possible for telecommunications users to purchase long distance and local service from the same provider.

This has resulted in a situation that causes increased cost, paperwork and time spent duplicating tasks.

Further, the resulting lack of competition results in Washington citizens not enjoying costs savings enjoyed by other states such as Texas and New York, which have already adopted such changes.

My company is a large user of telecommunications that support our various, diverse activities. Efficient communications is crucial to making my business a success – and I'm certain the same holds true for others.

I have kept up to date of the process Qwest has undertaken to meet the federal requirements to apply for approval to provide long distance service to its Washington customers. I strongly believe that it is in Washington's best interest to have Qwest competing for our long distance dollar.

Businesses such as mine will benefit from competition in terms of price, quality and innovation.

Sincerely,



Todd Woosley
Vice President

The Cecil Paul Company

905 North 30th Street
Reno, NV 89506

April 15, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell.


Qwest Communication, a major provider of telecommunications services in our state, **has** been prohibited from providing interLATA long distance service since 1984. We support Qwest's entry into the interLATA long distance business, which we believe Qwest's entry into the long distance market **will** better serve the public interest of our state of Washington.

Better service will be a result of increased competition in long distance and increased competition will also create new and better services associated **with** telecommunications.

The result will mean a healthier economy, more connected communities, and also better education and health care systems

We strongly encourage you to favorably consider, most strongly, Qwest's petition for relief from Section 271 of 1996 telecommunications act.

Sincerely,


Dan Flynn
Cecil Paul Company



February 22, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell.

Prime Pacific Bank along with other leaders of our banking industry use telecommunication services more and more creating a dependence on not only good service but the best pricing available.

I have been watching Qwest and I am aware of the process that Qwest is undertaking to gain "271 Relief." I am absolutely convinced that allowing Qwest to re-enter the long distance market will result in direct benefit not only to our industry but to consumers as a whole.

I urge you to review their application and find favorably in their request; the benefits are clear with increased competition, lower rates and ultimately better service.

Sincerely:

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Scott Hopper
Prime Pacific Bank

PRMTCRAFT ENTERPRISES
4930 156TH Street SE
Mill Creek, WA 98012

April 10, 2002

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Michael Powell
FCC Chairman
445 12th Street Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

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The State of Washington has a long history successful business innovation

From aerospace to software technology, our state has pioneered many of the advances that help form the backbone of our national economy.

Government regulation plays an important role that can either help or hinder further creativity and success.

Today, relief from Section 271 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act is needed to promote just such advances.

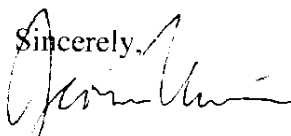
Companies such as Qwest Communications need relief from regulation in order to provide better, more innovative and price competitive services.

The relief Qwest seeks ~~is~~ good for business and good for consumers. Not only will consumers save money, the kind of telecommunications innovation our region is famous for will result.

Under the current system, **we** are burdened with multiple bills, higher than necessary costs and an environment that stifles progress. It is growth in the industry, and our local economy that is needed.

I ask that you support Section 271 relief for Qwest. Then, we can continue to innovate, create and build ever improving telecommunications products and services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry Morrier
President



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February 14, 2002

Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Section 271 Relief for Telecommunications Providers **WC DOCKET NO. 02-189**

Dear Mr. Powell,

The real estate industry is heavily dependent on telecommunications. Those in our industry are early adopters of technology, and reliant on good service at competitive prices to remain profitable.

I support and strongly urge you to promote relief for Qwest Communications when it comes to providing long distance service in addition to local. The economic benefits are clear. lower rates.

In addition, simplified, single billing will save the time and expense now used in paying and addressing multiple bills.

Further, competition in long distance will only lead to better quality, and more responsive telecommunications support.

It's not often that government can facilitate better service, greater competition, lower prices and timesavings with legislation that carries no price tag – this is one such occasion.

Thank you for whatever support you can lend to the regulatory relief sought by Qwest

Sincerely,

Mike Pattison
Government Affairs Director

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February 11, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:


As a Washington State businessman I urge the Federal Communications Commission to support Qwest's bid to re-enter the long distance market in Washington State. When Qwest is allowed to offer distance services in Washington, the result will be more competition and lower prices for everyone and especially business that needs every advantage it can gain in these times.

I realize that in many Washington counties, Qwest is not the customary long distance service provider, but with 271 relief, Qwest could use its powerful worldwide fiber optic network to provide rural cooperative and independent telecommunications companies a great alternative to the large carriers such as AT&T. It is also important to point out that choosing not to do business with a consumer still will benefit from having other choices and it is reasonable to assume the competition will cause lower prices to be available for all Washingtonian's.

In other states where other regional companies offer long distance service, rates have dropped, in some cases by 10 percent.

These are significant reasons to produce a favorable decision regarding Qwest's 271 application.

Regards,


Ron Whisler, President
Premium Fleet Service

Mr. Kurt Beckett
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell
2988 Jackson Federal Building
Seattle, WA 98174

March 17, 2002

Dear Mr. Beckett:

As one of our state's "senior citizens," I'm writing to express my very deep concern over our continuing lack of competition among long distance telephone service. WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

There is no lack of evidence to support the fact that genuine competition would save our state millions of dollars every year. Consumers in other states — like New York and Texas — already enjoy the cost-saving benefits of long distance Competition. It has been proven time and again that competition not only reduces the high price of making a long distance call, it almost always also ushers in technological advances and improved overall phone service. This, in turn attracts business to our state, business that might otherwise locate elsewhere where long distance rates are cheaper.

For people like me, who live on a fixed income and must make every penny count, lower long distance rates would be a very real blessing. And there's no good reason that I can determine why we don't go ahead and let phone companies like Qwest enter the long distance marketplace. What on earth are we waiting for?

But there's more to this problem than just saving money. For people like me, with loved ones living far away, the high price of making long distance phone calls, prohibits me from calling them as often as I would like. It's a burden that simply should not be placed on seniors.

I urge you to do everything in your power to change this situation for the better. It doesn't require all that much. Just do what you can in your position of influence to introduce genuine long distance competition to our state.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Nelson
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March 20, 2002

Jerry Otto
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Senator Tim Sheldon
Washington State Legislature
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Olympia, WA 98504

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Honorable Senator Sheldon:

We're getting left behind. But we can do something about it.

Our state is falling behind others that have real competition in long distance phone service. **As** long as companies like Qwest are prevented from entering the market, consumers will continue to suffer. They won't be allowed to benefit from the lower prices, improved service and advanced technology that come with competition.

Meanwhile, other states are enjoying the benefits of competition ... including saving millions of dollars a year. Their economies grow, they attract new businesses and consumers see improvements.

I urge you to join me in supporting Qwest's efforts to enter our state's long distance market

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Otto", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerry Otto

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March 17, 2002

Mr. David Danner
Governor's Executive Policy Office
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Dear Mr. Danner,

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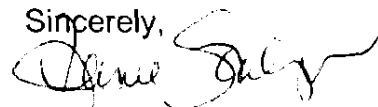
any more because our long-distance bills are just too expensive. .

I keep hearing that Qwest, our local provider, may be allowed to offer long distance service in Iowa someday. When will this happen? I don't understand why it is taking so long.

I think more competition would be great. It certainly couldn't make things worse. Most of the time, it brings lower prices and better services. I'd like to buy a package of telephone services (local, long distance, DSL) from a single provider, and possibly get even more savings on my long distance and local phone service. I have out-of-state friends and relatives who use Qwest for long distance and they're very pleased.

Thank you for your time, and please consider allowing our local provider to enter the long distance market in Washington.

Sincerely,



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